



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### BOARD NOTES

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#### ***KATHY REED CHOSEN AS THE DR. SAMUEL ROBINSON AWARD WINNER***

At its October 3-4 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education presented the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award to Kathy Reed of Bardstown. The award was established in June 2004 to be conferred annually on an individual or group in Kentucky for outstanding leadership, commitment and service in promoting equity and opportunity to learn at high levels for all Kentucky students. These traits -- leadership, commitment and service -- are the hallmarks of Dr. Robinson's remarkable career as an advocate for all children.

Kathy Reed is a long-time school board member (nearly 17 continuous years) for the Bardstown Independent School District and served as its chair on three different occasions. She is a 1969 graduate of Kentucky State University with a bachelor's degree in English. Kathy taught two years at Old Kentucky Home Middle School in Nelson County and then began a highly successful career in Social Services for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky School Boards Association and has been an active member of the Prichard Committee since 1999.

Dr. Robert Smotherman, retired Bardstown superintendent, nominated Ms. Reed and said about her, "Ms. Reed always reminds me of an individual who exhibits the criteria for this award, namely a concern for the well-being of all children and a genuine desire to give each and every student the best possible chance to learn effectively. From day one on the Bardstown Board of Education, she demanded educational excellence for all the children in our district. She urged the expansion of our Early Childhood Education program for four-year-olds in 1993 and helped us bring the early childhood concept to



three-year-olds in 1997. Now, the Bardstown system has just opened a brand new school to house over 250 three- and four-year-olds.”

Dr. Smotherman also attributes to Ms. Reed in large part the organized and enthusiastic support for the school system of many parents in the African-American community through the Concerned Parents of Bardstown.

For more information on the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award or their year’s recipient, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov).

### ***BOARD SELECTS TOP TEN BUDGET PRIORITIES***

As culmination to conversations continued over several meetings, the Kentucky Board of Education selected its top ten budget priorities to be included as part of the 2009-2010 Kentucky Department of Education biennial budget request. The priorities for increased funding are:

1. 3% SEEK increase
2. Full-day kindergarten (phased-in approach)
3. Scholastic audits and assistance programs to low-performing schools (VPAT, SAT and NAT)
4. Gifted and talented program
5. Alternative education program
6. Parent involvement initiative
7. Preschool at 200% of poverty
8. SEEK district facilities funding
9. SEEK transportation add-on
10. Refocusing secondary education for student success

The biennial budget request must be submitted by the Kentucky Department of Education to the Finance and Administration Cabinet no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> of each odd numbered year.

For more information on the 2009-2010 biennial budget request, contact Robin Kinney at (502) 564-1976 or via email at [Robin.Kinney@education.ky.gov](mailto:Robin.Kinney@education.ky.gov).

### ***2008 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA APPROVED***

The Kentucky Board of Education adopted its 2008 legislative agenda at the October meeting. The Kentucky Department of Education will proceed with pursuing the adoption of the following by the General Assembly:

## **PRINCIPAL SELECTION**

- Expand the criteria for low-performing schools (beyond Level 3 for two successive biennia) for which either the superintendent or the highly skilled educator would select the principal if there were a vacancy.

## **SCHOOL FACILITIES EVALUATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### Taxing Authority

- Amend KRS 157.440, Facilities Support Program of Kentucky (FSPK) to increase the five-cent equivalent tax rate for facilities to ten cents. All districts should be required to levy ten cents. Those districts already levying ten cents or more are authorized to levy an additional five cents, but not required. All facility funding (except the growth levy) should become part of the FSPK program.
- Amend KRS 160.470 to permit a local board of education to levy a tax rate no lower than the rate set by the board in the previous year.
- Remove the sunset of the facility growth nickel provision.

### Use of Restricted Funds Capital Outlay and FSPK

- Allow Capital Outlay to be used for Tier 2B Maintenance with KDE approval (replacement of components of a useful system that is expected to operate for at least three more years and identified on the facility plan).
- Allow Capital Outlay and FSPK to be used for Tier 3 Capital Replacement (one major building system).
- Allow Capital Outlay to be used for maintenance without forfeiting the district's participation in SFCC upon approval of the commissioner. Maintenance does not include property insurance.
- Allow rapid-growth districts to use restricted or special funds for operational purposes during the first biennium of a new school's operation.
- Modify KRS 154.420 and KRS 157.440 to allow land for new schools or modifications to existing schools to be purchased with restricted cash for projects noted on the District Facilities Plan for use in the next eight years. Land would not be counted in the calculation of need.

## **DROPOUT PREVENTION GRANTS**

- Amend KRS 158.14694) to remove priority in the awarding of dropout prevention grants to districts with chronically high dropout rates, remove the requirement to direct 75% of available funds to elementary and middle school students and 25%

to high school students, and focus the grant program on supporting promising and proven practices that are systemic, scaleable, and replicable, and aligned with the principles of secondary reform.

### **SURPLUS TECHNOLOGY PROPERTY**

- Allow schools to surplus technology property without public bid to provide refurbished computers to needy students for home use.

### **COMPENSATION FOR RETIRED EDUCATORS WORKING ON SCHOLASTIC AUDITS AND REVIEWS**

- Allow retired educators serving on scholastic audit and review teams to be paid at the same daily rate as the other team members, as opposed to the limitation of 65% or 75% of the individual's final annual compensation measured on a daily rate.

### **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE**

- Raise the compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18.

For more information on the 2008 legislative agenda, contact Bonnie Brinly at (502) 564-4474 or via email at [Bonnie.Brinly@education.ky.gov](mailto:Bonnie.Brinly@education.ky.gov).

### ***OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 3-4 MEETING WERE:***

- Minutes from the August 8-9, 2007 and September 5, 2007 regular meetings and July 28, 2007 special meeting
- 2007-08 Local District Tax Rates Levied
- District Facility Plans for Clay, Gallatin, Graves and Owen Counties
- Jefferson County alternative school-based decision making (SBDM) formula
- 701 KAR 5:130, Drug Testing of Teachers Involved in Illegal Use of Controlled Substances (Final)
- Audits including the Harlan County High School Construction Project Audit, Attendance Audit, KDE-AUP Desk Review for FY2006, Child and Adult Care Food Program Audits for 11 sponsors and Statewide Single Audit for FY2006
- 703 KAR 5:170, Kentucky Highly Skilled Educator Program Criteria (Final)
- Amendments to special education regulations:
  - 707 KAR 1:280 – Definition of parent
  - 707 KAR 1:320, 340 and 360 – Definition of reasonable time
  - 707 KAR 1:340 – Definition of the purpose of mediation

### ***OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED IN OCTOBER WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:***

- Discussion with the Christian County School District on its Voluntary Partnership Assistance Team (VPAT) program

- Overview of the facilities planning process and future revision of the school facilities regulation
- CATS Data Release
- 702 KAR 3:130, Internal Accounting
- KECSAC Update
- Report from Kentucky Youth Advocates on the study of alternative education
- Title III English Language Learners/Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students' English Language Proficiency Standards
- KDE Employment Report

***MEETING DATES FOR 2007, 2008 AND 2009***

KBE Meeting Dates 2007

| <u>2007</u>          | <u>Type of Meeting</u> | <u>Location</u>                          |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| November 13-14, 2007 | Regular meeting        | Embassy Suites RiverCenter,<br>Covington |
| December 6-7, 2007   | Regular meeting        | Frankfort                                |

KBE Meeting Dates 2008

| <u>2008</u>          | <u>Type of Meeting</u>                   | <u>Location</u>  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| January 9, 2008      | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| February 6-7, 2008   | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| March 5, 2008        | Regular meeting                          | Available hotel, Richmond<br>or Boone Tavern, Berea                        |
| April 2-3, 2008      | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| May 13-14, 2008      | KBE retreat/strategic plan<br>Discussion | Kentucky Dam Village<br>State Park, Gilbertsville<br>Or Lake Barkley Lodge |
| June 11-12, 2008     | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| July 9, 2008         | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| August 6-7, 2008     | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| September 10, 2008   | Regular meeting                          | Cumberland Falls State<br>Park, Corbin                                     |
| October 1-2, 2008    | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |
| November 5, 2008     | Regular meeting                          | Rough River State Park,<br>Falls of Rough                                  |
| December 10-11, 2008 | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort  |

### KBE Meeting Dates 2009

| <u>2009</u>         | <u>Type of Meeting</u>                   | <u>Location</u>                          |
|---------------------|--|--|
| January 14, 2009    | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort                                |
| February 4-5, 2009  | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort                                |
| March 4, 2009       | Regular meeting                          | Jenny Wiley State Park,<br>Prestonsburg  |
| April 1-2, 2009     | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort                                |
| May 12-13, 2009     | KBE retreat/strategic plan<br>Discussion | Available hotel, Lexington               |
| June 10-11, 2009    | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort                                |
| July 8, 2009        | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort                                |
| August 5-6, 2009    | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort                                |
| September 9, 2009   | Regular meeting                          | Available hotel,<br>Owensboro            |
| October 7-8, 2009   | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort                                |
| November 5, 2009    | Regular meeting                          | General Butler State<br>Park, Carrollton |
| December 9-10, 2009 | Regular meeting                          | Frankfort                                |

For questions on the Kentucky Board of Education's meeting schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov).

*The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the October 3-4, 2007, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

*For additional information about the Kentucky Board of Education meetings, agendas, minutes or special accommodations needed for attending meetings, contact Mary Ann Miller, Policy Advisor at (502) 564-3141.*

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